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TO: All Public and Private Schools Utilizing School Buses
and Special Purpose Buses.

RE: School Bus Inspection Changes

The annual school bus inspection for all school bus and special purpose buses in the State of Indiana is quickly approaching. The annual inspection will be conducted by members of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division of the Indiana State Police and will be supplemented by members of the State Police District in your area.

One item that has been the subject of concern for the inspectors for several years is the need to examine kingpins. In researching this issue with school bus manufactures, we have discovered that the front-ends of school buses are built much stronger and heavier than in the past.

The inspection of the kingpins will not occur at the time of the annual bus inspection. We will reserve the option to inspect any kingpin we feel that could be defective. This may require the bus to go to another inspection site where equipment is available. Twelve (12) year or older buses will still have their kingpins checked when they are inspected the second time in the winter.

Each bus will be **required to carry and present to the inspecting officer** the revised and completed Indiana State Police School Bus Brake and Kingpin inspection certificate. This certificate will certify that the braking system and kingpins have been inspected by the school corporation and meet the required standards. This inspection must take place every **six (6) months** and must be documented. Failure to meet the requirements will result in the bus being placed out-of-service until such time the requirements are met.

This new policy should help expedite the inspection process and I hope that it does not create any inconvenience. This change will be effective for the 2004 annual summer school bus inspection.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

cc: Superintendent Carraway
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